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# This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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## The Week That Was...

This week at CEC, we've seen brilliant determination and teamwork across the academy. Our sports teams demonstrated great sportsmanship in their fixtures and we are celebrating the outstanding success of our Powerboat team, who achieved outstandingly at the Qinetiq Powerboat Challenge with their student-designed DL-75, winning every heat and impressing industry judges.

A special well done to our Year 11 pupils, who have shown maturity and focus as they complete their mock exams. A fantastic week of hard work, talent and commitment across the school.

# From the Principal's Desk

*By Rachel Kitley, Principal*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm excited to share some news about how we're improving the way we communicate with you. At Cowes Enterprise College, we know that clear, timely communication makes a real difference for families. That's why we're moving to a new system called Arbor, which will replace SIMS in the coming months.

This system manages parent, pupil, and staff information. While the data we hold will stay the same, the way we access and manage it will change. I want to reassure you that data protection and cybersecurity have been at the heart of our planning, so your personal information will remain secure.

## **Why this matters**

Arbor will help us communicate with you more effectively and streamline many of our processes. One example is how we share progress reports with you - this will become simpler and more accessible.

## **What you need to do now**

Please download any progress reports currently available on the SIMS Parent App. This system will be replaced soon, so saving these now will ensure you have a record of your child's progress.

## **What happens next**

Our official 'go live' date is 5 January 2026. Over the next few months, staff will be training on Arbor. We do not expect any disruption to our usual communications, but thank you for your patience while we get familiar with the new system. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible.

We'll keep you updated and let you know when new parent features become available. If you have any questions, please email [info@cowesec.org](mailto:info@cowesec.org).

Thank you for your continued support as we take this step forward together.

Warm regards,  
Rachel Kitley  
Principal





## Photo of the week

### *CEC Powerboat Racing Team*

Our powerboat team triumphed at the Qinetiq Powerboat Challenge 2025, winning every heat and the final with their vessel, the DL-75. The students worked seamlessly between races and impressed judges from Qinetiq, the Royal Navy, Chartwell Marine and Maritime Solent with their confident explanations of the boat's design. A standout achievement from a talented team.

## Spotlight

### *Year 10 Boys' Football*

Year 10 boys faced Ryde School in their final league match, battling cold conditions and a strong opposition. After going 3-1 down at half time, Cowes fought back brilliantly with goals from Sonny and Fraser before Louie sealed the win with a superb long-range effort. The team showed real resilience to hold their lead to the final whistle. A fantastic performance as they now wait to see if they've secured a place in the final.



## Notice Board

- **Until 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Sixth Form Tours
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Staff Development Day
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Flu Immunisations
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Last Day of Autumn Term (early closure)
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - Start of Spring Term




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